

IN THE CLAIMS

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. (currently amended) A barrier reinforcement comprising:

at least one stopping assembly attachable to a barrier to be reinforced, the stopping assembly comprising a flexible cable member operatively associated with an elongated structural member with substantially hook-shaped curved end portions for distributing loading and limiting cutting forces on the flexible cable member when tension is applied to the flexible cable member; and

at least two anchored and reinforced upright members on a protected side of the ~~barrier~~ stopping assembly, each upright member having at least one passive engagement device to catch the at least one stopping assembly when the barrier is impacted.

2. (previously presented) The barrier reinforcement of claim 1 wherein at least a portion of the flexible cable member is enclosed within the elongated structural member and wherein the flexible cable member forms a substantially continuous loop.
3. (currently amended) The barrier reinforcement of claim 1 wherein the upright members comprise ~~a~~ reinforcing members suspended within the upright members and ~~a~~ centering mechanisms to maintain the barrier reinforcement in the desired location during installation.

4. (currently amended) The barrier reinforcement of claim 1 wherein the passive engagement devices are~~is~~ attached to the upright members on a side of the upright member to be impacted by the stopping assembly and a side of the upright member approximately opposite the side to be impacted.
5. (previously presented) The barrier reinforcement of claim 1, wherein the passive engagement devices comprise horns extending from the upright members such that the stopping assembly is engaged substantially at junctions of the horns and upright members when the barrier is impacted.
6. (previously presented) The barrier reinforcement of claim 5, wherein the horns extends from the upright members at an angle about 15 degrees downward from a horizontal plane and wherein the horns are splayed outward with respect to each other at an angle about 15 degrees from a vertical plane perpendicular to the barrier.
7. (previously presented) The barrier reinforcement of claim 1, wherein the elongated structural member is tubular, and further wherein at least a portion of the flexible cable member extends through the elongated structural member.
8. (currently amended) A barrier reinforcement assembly comprising:
a substantially continuous cable that is attachable to a barrier and that is at least partially enclosed within a sheath; and
at least two spaced apart bollards, wherein each bollard comprises a static elongate horn extending therefrom for engaging the sheathed cable when the barrier is impacted, wherein the static elongate horns extend from the

bollards at an angle about 15 degrees downward from a horizontal plane
and are splayed outwardly with respect to each other at an angle about 15
degrees from a vertical plane perpendicular to the barrier~~are splayed~~
~~outwardly with respect to each other~~ so that the horns more effectively
engage the sheathed cable.

9. (previously presented) The barrier reinforcement assembly of claim 8, wherein the sheath comprises curved end portions.
10. (previously presented) The barrier reinforcement assembly of claim 9, wherein the curved end portions of the sheath are substantially hook shaped.
11. (previously presented) The barrier reinforcement assembly of claim 8, wherein the cable is a substantially continuous loop.
12. (cancelled)
13. (previously presented) The barrier reinforcement assembly of claim 8, wherein the bollards include internal reinforcement members encased in concrete for increasing mass and rigidity.
14. (previously presented) The barrier reinforcement assembly of claim 8, wherein the static elongate horns are attached to the bollards in at least two separate locations to improve the strength of the barrier reinforcement assembly.
15. (previously presented) A barrier reinforcement assembly comprising:

a stopping assembly attachable to a barrier and including at least one tubular member with substantially hook shaped curved end portions and a substantially continuous cable; and

at least two spaced apart reinforced bollards for disposition closely adjacent the curved end portions of the tubular member when the barrier is in a closed position, wherein each bollard comprises an elongate horn for engaging the stopping assembly upon an impact of the barrier, wherein the horns are splayed outwardly with respect to each other to more effectively engage the stopping assembly.

16. (previously presented) The barrier reinforcement assembly of claim 15, wherein the horns extend from the bollards at an angle about 15 degrees downward from the horizontal plane and are splayed outward at an angle about 15 degrees from the vertical plane perpendicular to the barrier.
17. (previously presented) The barrier reinforcement assembly of claim 15, wherein the substantially continuous cable passes through the tubular member.
18. (cancelled)